

Positive Highlights of Neighborhood Meetings

Tuesday, July 22

Meadows and Lions Park Area

Elks Lodge

4100 East Charleston Boulevard

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Charleston Heights Area

Garside Middle School

300 South Torrey Pines Drive

- **Charleston Neighborhood Preservation Park** -- A simple park is planned with a walking path around the perimeter, a couple of small shade structures and grass. It's only two acres in size and will provide a connection to the "trail" corridor paralleling the freeway (along the park's north edge).
- **Fire Station 6 on Upland** --The proposed plan is to seek funding in the next fiscal year. If we are successful in both acquiring the funding and land, it would be anywhere from 18 to 24 months from July 05 to build a new fire station.
- **Crime Web Site** – Many citizens have expressed an interest in knowing what kind of crime is being committed in their neighborhood. A direct link has been placed under the City of Las Vegas's website under the Department of Neighborhood Services. It is also available under the Visitors, Citizens and New Resident sections of the City's website which will link you directly to Metro's main page.

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Buffalo Drive Area
West Charleston Library
6301 West Charleston Boulevard

- **Fireman's Park** – Shrubbery, redrock and a little turf will be added to Fireman's Park to enhance its appearance. Any additional funding is proposed for the purchase of a Gazebo for this particular park. If you would like a copy, please call our office at 229-2299.
- **Opportunity Village** – The neighbors are working with Opportunity Village to have the dumpsters that are located in the front of the establishment enclosed.
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Penwood Arville and Richfield Area
Clark High School
3074 Arville Drive

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Thursday, August 7

Meadows Village Area
Stupak Community Center
300 W. Boston

- **Stupak Community Center** -- CW Moncrief noted that federal funding has been set aside to put towards the Stupak Community Center. Community input was encouraged regarding the center's needs. CW noted that she would like to do the following with the funds for this community center:
 - ✓ Improve the current air conditioning system .
 - ✓ Spruce up the park by putting in some structure for shade during the hot months.
 - ✓ Add a restroom.
 - ✓ Add a small kitchen.
 - ✓ Add Artificial turf and water activities.
- **Resident Parking Program** -- The Residential Program is available to any individual living in this area free of charge. Residents must apply. It will provide the resident with one (1) to two (2) permits per household and allows them unlimited parking in a 2-hour zone. Requirements are: Registration, Proof of residence (copy of utility bill), and a driver's license. Applications are available from the Stupak Community Center and area apartment complexes.
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Arts District Area

S2 Arts Group

1 E. Charleston

- **DCDC Downtown Neighborhood 2000 Plan** – This was the first community-driven effort to create an Arts District and the City's first approved Neighborhood Plan. This grassroots effort set the groundwork for the Arts District overlay amendment to the Centennial Plan that City Council approved on August 6. This amendment will help establish standards for development and keep this neighborhood looking like an “arts district.” I whole heartily support these efforts to improve the quality of life in your neighborhoods.
- **Acknowledgements** -- Cindy Funkhouser and Ann Kellogg who played a key role in creating the downtown Arts District were acknowledged. Jack Solomon, of the S2 Arts Group was acknowledged for his support of this wonderful concept.
- **First Fridays Program** -- Members of the Las Vegas Arts District were congratulated for the creation and continuous support of the First Fridays program. It is increasingly becoming a very popular monthly event and should become even bigger with the \$5,000 Neighborhood Partner Fund grant the neighborhood was recently awarded to promote the program.
- **Redevelopment Efforts** --\$80,000 from tax increments has been ear marked for redevelopment in the Arts District as follows: 50,000 is for a study of the Arts District to look for ways of enhancement. This study is being performed by the University of Pennsylvania. \$30,000 is for a Japanese artist to develop a model for a sculpture garden on Boulder Street between Main Street and Casino Center.
- **Improvements** -- Members of the DCDC will also be improving the curb appeal of homes in the downtown area with their “Adopt-a-home” rehabilitation program, partly funded by the same Neighborhood Partners Fund grant program.
- **Vision** -- Councilwoman Moncrief shares the Mayor’s vision of making downtown a more liveable place. Councilwoman will work on lighting and encouraging a Live/Work Space in the Arts District.

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Thursday, August 13

Rancho/Charleston Area
Las Vegas Valley Water District
1001 S. Valley View Blvd.

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- **Palomino Area Preservation Association** – Neighborhood Services (NS) responded to concerns by neighborhood residents about “noise” issues as a result of delivery and garbage truck activity at the Smith shopping center (2 a.m.), Rancho and Charleston. NS staff contacted Republic Services and the store manager. It seems the issues have been resolved, because our staff have not heard from members of the association regarding the noise issue.
- **Check-cashing places**—The Planning Department is working on an ordinance to require a review of exterior colors for these types of places.
- **Zoning** – Councilwoman Moncrief will ensure residential areas are not turned commercial.
- **Bus Stop on Alta** – Councilwoman Moncrief worked in conjunction with Public Works to relocate the previous bus stop on Alta, that was taken away as a result of recent road improvements, West of Campbell. This location will not interfere with residents and will be used by many to attend the Our Lady of Las Vegas Church.
- **Cut Through Traffic** - The committee was concerned with cut-through traffic affecting Campbell, Strong, Lacy and Kenny Streets. Speed bumps helped, but seemed to move the problem to adjacent streets. Many residents, businesses, schools and churches have been opposed to street closures in the past.

